

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated May 5, 2004. Claim 33 has been amended. Claims 1 and 30 through 32 have been cancelled. Claims 17 through 24 and 26 through 29 were previously cancelled. The application now includes claims 2 through 16, 25, and 33 through 35, with claims 2, 16, 25 and 33 being independent claims. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to provide the current status of the applications listed in the "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" paragraph.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner further stated that claims 33 through 35 included allowable subject matter, but were rejected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner also stated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, applicants have rewritten claim 33 in independent form to include all of the limitations of base claim 1 and intermediate claim 31. Therefore, rewritten independent claim 33 is now allowable and applicants respectfully request that the examiner withdraw her objection to the claim.

Similarly, objected claims 34 and 35 are dependent upon rewritten independent claim 33. Accordingly claims 34 and 35 should now be allowable and applicants respectfully request that the examiner withdraw her objection to the claims.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner also stated that claims 2 through 15, 16 and 25 are allowed.

In view of the amendments and above remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance.